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Caibarien.—Acting Asst. Surg. Bernardo Escobar reports that 4 deaths occurred in Caibarien during the week. The principal causes were as follows: Pneumonia, 3; tetanus, 1. No cases of a particularly infectious or contagious character were reported. Six vessels were inspected on arrival; 4 of these were foreign vessels and 2 were coasting vessels. Four bills of health were issued to foreign vessels and 2 certificates of inspection to coasting vessels.

Respectfully,

FELIX GARCIA,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Report from Nuevitas and Puerto Padre.

NUEVITAS, CUBA, *January 22, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report for the week ended January 20, 1900: Five vessels arrived at this port and 6 bills of health were issued. There have been 7 deaths, 1 of them from diphtheria, in Cayo Puto. The rest of the family quarantined at that place were, with their effects, disinfected and discharged on January 21. The general health of the place is good.

The work of repairing the streets of Nuevitas is being pushed, \$10,000 per month being allotted for the improvement of the town. Very many Americans, attracted by the advertisements of the Cuban Land and Steamship Company, are arriving weekly, and many, disappointed at finding no progress made by that company, are looking for locations along the coast to the east. Although most of these people are living in tents, I hear of no sickness among them.

Puerto Padre reports 5 vessels arrived, 7 bills of health issued, 1 death, and sanitary condition good.

There have been disinfected by steam at this place during the past two weeks 28 pieces of baggage, and with formalin 121 pieces.

Respectfully,

OWEN W. STONE,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Reports from Santiago, Manzanillo, and Daiquiri.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, *January 24, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following sanitary report of the fourth district of the island of Cuba for the week ended January 20, 1900:

Santiago.—The sanitary condition continues to be excellent as far as contagious or infectious diseases are concerned. During the week there was a total of 30 deaths reported from the following causes: Intestinal diseases, 6; pneumonia, 5; malarial fevers, 4; tuberculosis, 2; meningitis, 1; other causes, 12; total, 30. Population, 43,000; mortality, 36.28.

This is an increase of 6 over the preceding week, and owing to the sudden changes of the temperature which developed catarrhal affections; malarial fevers as usual at this time of the year prevail to a great extent.

The United States army transport *McClellan* sailed January 14 with 76 coffins, containing the bodies of soldiers who died from yellow fever. The coffins were disinfected with bichloride before they were placed on board the transport.

On Monday, January 15, the provisional flag steamship *Maria Herrera* was disinfected with all effects on board. The baggage of passengers was inspected and when found necessary disinfected and labeled accordingly; in all, 145 pieces.

During the same week 19 pieces of personal baggage and furniture, which had been used at the yellow-fever hospital, were disinfected.

Manzanillo.—Dr. R. de Socarras reports a total of 7 deaths from the following causes: Malaria, 2; pneumonia, 1; enteritis, 1; other causes, 3. No yellow fever or smallpox reported.

Daiquiri.—Nothing of interest reported for the week ended January 13. Dr. Juan J. de Jongh reports 1 death from pneumonia for the period ended January 20. Nothing else of interest.

Respectfully,

H. S. CAMINERO,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

DANISH WEST INDIES.

Quarantine against Vera Cruz on account of smallpox.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *January 30, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that by a dispatch dated the 11th instant, the minister of the United States at Copenhagen reports that owing to the appearance of smallpox at Vera Cruz and in the interior of Mexico, the government of the Danish West Indies has declared a quarantine of fifteen days against ships arriving from that country.

Respectfully,

JOHN HAY,
Secretary of State.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

FRANCE.

Report from Havre.

HAVRE, FRANCE, *January 23, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that on January 13 the steamship *La Bretagne* sailed from this port with 47 cabin and 257 steerage passengers.

On January 20 the steamship *La Normandie* sailed with 37 cabin and 238 steerage passengers. All steerage passengers were inspected before embarking, and their baggage was inspected or disinfected and labeled accordingly.

Respectfully,

S. B. GRUBBS,

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Report from Marseilles—Report of plague unfounded.

MARSEILLES, FRANCE, *January 20, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report for the week ended January 20, 1900:

I have inspected and passed the following vessels during the week: The German bark *Pestalazi*, the Italian bark *Angela Schiaffini*, and the